THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

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November
Featured Speakers

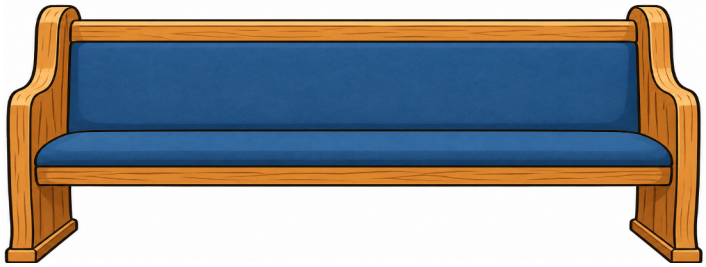
This month's guest speakers include:

Nov 1	**Scott Killgore**
Nov 8	**Jim Rash**
Nov 15	**Dale Stewart**
Nov 22	**Greg Thogmartin**
Nov 29	**Melody Smith**

Be sure to join us in person or on Facebook Live 10:30 am every Sunday morning to hear more inspiring messages.

Missed Sunday's message, you can find the replay on our website at: fccmaryvillemo.com/sermons.





A Little Closer,
A Little More Welcoming

Have you ever noticed how much empty space there can be between the front of our sanctuary and the people gathered in the pews? We know everyone has their favorite place, and we're certainly not trying to take that away! But we'd like to invite everyone to consider a small adjustment that could make a big difference.

When we have guest speakers sharing a message with us, standing at the front of the sanctuary and looking out over several empty rows of blue pews before seeing a friendly face can feel a little daunting. It can also make it harder for them to feel connected to the people they're speaking to. We've even had speakers move the lectern halfway up the aisle just to feel a little closer to the congregation!

We'd love to help change that by keeping approximately the last five or six pews at the back of the sanctuary open and filling in some of the space toward the front.

There are some added benefits, too! Those open rows give latecomers and visitors an easier way to find a place without feeling like they're interrupting worship or having to squeeze past everyone to get settled. It also helps create a welcoming atmosphere for people who may be visiting us for the first time and aren't quite sure where they belong.

This isn't about assigning seats or making anyone uncomfortable. It's simply a small way we can show hospitality, not only to our guest speakers and visitors but also to one another.

So, next Sunday, consider moving a little farther forward than you normally might. A small change can make a big difference in how welcome someone feels. After all, making room for others is one of the simplest ways we can live out what it means to be a welcoming church!

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Maryville, MO

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m.
Sunday School Classes

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Attendance

Oct 18	30	Nov 1	39
Oct 25	32	Nov 8	39

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Keeping in touch with our church families

For Healing & Comfort...

Jason Ripple

Jon Nickerson

In Sympathy...

Mary Walkup & Family

Thank you...

We wanted to reach out and say thank you. Your recent donation helps this organization more than you can ever know. Everyday we wake up with one goal in mind, to serve victims. Domestic and sexual violence can leave deep scars in a community and healing is never an easy journey. With your support we start at the beginning of a new chapter.

Thank you for all you have done for our organization.

Thank you for being a guiding light in our community.

Sincerely,
Wyatt Williams
Executive Director
Northstar Advocacy

First Christian Church,

Thank you for your monetary donation and continued support of our Angel Program.

Your generosity will benefit many seniors in their ability to pay for hot meals through the center.

Sincerely,
Nodaway County
Senior Center

Our Staff

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Anita Dew
Organist

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

Johnathan Morrison
Audio/Live Stream Lead

Jay Ripple
Live Stream Intern

Ballot Preview for Congregational Vote Nov. 29, 2026

Congregational Ballot		*November 29, 2026*			
I approve the entire slate		Yes	_____	No	_____
I approve the following nominations for 2027					
Moderator	Bob Ferguson	Yes	_____	No	_____
Treasurer	Donna Rickman	Yes	_____	No	_____
Trustee Chair	Deena Poynter	Yes	_____	No	_____
Worship Chair	Guy Ebersole	Yes	_____	No	_____
Property Chair	Allen Davison	Yes	_____	No	_____
Finance Chair	Coby Lamb	Yes	_____	No	_____
Christian Life	Marsha Meyers	Yes	_____	No	_____
I approve the following nominations for 2027-2029					
Diaconate	Bob Ferguson	Yes	_____	No	_____
Diaconate	Linda Baker	Yes	_____	No	_____
Diaconate	Coby Lamb	Yes	_____	No	_____
Elder	Bob Ferguson	Yes	_____	No	_____
Elder	Vicki Dougan	Yes	_____	No	_____
Trustee	Linda Davison	Yes	_____	No	_____
Trustee	Terry Immel	Yes	_____	No	_____

2027 Budget*	*November 29, 2026*			
I approve the 2027 Budget	Yes	_____	No	_____
Estimated Contributions	$	107,760.00		
DCEF & CCF (restricted income)	$	4,304.00		
TOTAL EST. INCOME FOR 2027	***$***	***112,064.00***		
Total Administration	$	56,367.00		
Total Office	$	6,103.00		
Total Property	$	38,212.00		
Total Worship & Christian Arts	$	10,800.00		
Total Music Ministry	$	1,300.00		
Total Outreach/Evangelism	$	7,373.30		
Total Christian Life	$	200.00		
Total Stewardship & Finance	$	-		
Total Christian Education	$	-		
TOTAL EST. EXPENSES FOR 2027	***$***	***120,355.30***		
Expected Deficit	$	(8,291.30)		

**All income and expenses are estimated to the best of the Board's ability using the previous year's income and expenses as a starting point.*



Toys 4 Tots of Nodaway County

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with hundreds of children in need (newborns - 12-year-olds) in Nodaway County. Last year, the organization served 127 families and 227 children by providing gifts to children with the donations received.

For more information, please contact: Terri Dawson 660-254-0941

Checks may be mailed to: Toys for Tots
PO Box 104
Maryville, MO 64468

Or Venmo:

Today's Civic Women
@Todays-CivicWomen

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October 13th thru December 14th

<u>Barrels</u> & donation jars will be at the following Maryville businesses:

Beauty Bar, Clear Creek, Connections Bank, Daylight Donuts, <u>Dollar General</u>, El Maquey, Grays, Hangar, Hy-Vee gas and kitchen, <u>Kawasaki</u>, <u>Maryville Forum</u>, Mullock Health Care, <u>Nodaway News Leader</u>, Nodaway Valley Bank(s), Pagliai's, Pizza Ranch, Planet Sub, Rogers Pharmacy, <u>Senior Center</u>, Scooters, Southern Bank, Taco Johns, Haven Coffee & Goods

Ways to help: *monetary contribution, donate new toys, sponsor a toy drive or request to collect toy donations*

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Return Service Requested

Congregational Vote
Nov. 29, 2026

We will have a congregational vote before the service on Nov. 29, 2026 for the 2027 slate of officers and the proposed 2027 General Budget. Thank you!



We will be closed Nov. 26 & 30



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